



**DIEDERICH COLLEGE**  
OF COMMUNICATION

## **Guidelines for Independent Study (4995) Courses**

Independent study courses offer students the opportunity to engage in more intensive study of special topics under the supervision of a faculty member. Independent studies may be used to grant students credit for work as follows:

The student is conducting independent research under the supervision of the faculty member, or the type of work done by the student clearly advances his/her educational objectives.

Faculty and students arranging independent study courses should adhere to the following guidelines. Independent studies typically:

- ✓ are only available to juniors and seniors.
- ✓ are only available to students with a 2.5 or higher cumulative grade point average.
- ✓ are only available to students who have declared a major or minor in the subject area of the course proposed and have completed at least 12 hours in that major or minor.
- ✓ are only taught by full-time faculty members.
- ✓ include face-to-face meetings with the faculty supervisor, in addition to the completion of the agreed-upon work.
- ✓ include a cumulating writing, research or creative project reflecting the knowledge gained in the research.
- ✓ should not be used to substitute for any regularly scheduled courses or required courses for either the University Core of Common Studies or the Diederich College Curriculum.
- ✓ require students to complete the University Independent Study form and the Diederich College of Communication Independent Study Description forms, both of which are available in the College Records Office (JH112) and to secure all of the necessary signatures prior to the close of Registration.



**DIEDERICH COLLEGE**  
OF COMMUNICATION

**4995 INDEPENDENT STUDY DESCRIPTION**

(To be filed with the 4995 all-University Registration Form)

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

4995 Supervisor: \_\_\_\_\_

4995 Title (max. of 60 characters): \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Number of credits (circle one):      1                      2                      3

Semester/Session and Year:              Fall                      Spring                      Summer              20 \_\_\_\_\_

Schedule of Meetings with Supervisor – Weekly, Bi-Weekly, Monthly, etc.)

\_\_\_\_\_

Description of the topics and its relationship to your academic goals and course of study:

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Tangible result of the Independent Study – What work will be graded by the Supervisor:

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_